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Fifty-second Legislature – Second Regular Session

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COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Report of Special Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2016
House Hearing Room 4 -- 10:00 a.m.

Convened 10:12 a.m.

Recessed

Reconvened

Adjourned 1:38 p.m.

Members Present

Mrs. Carter
Mr. Clark
Mr. Larkin
Mr. Weninger
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman

Members Absent

Agenda

Original Agenda – Attachment 1

Request to Speak

Report – Attachment 2

Presentations

Name

Helen Purcell
Jen Marson

Organization

Maricopa County Recorder's Office
Arizona Association of Counties

Attachments (Handouts)

3, 4

Committee Action

Bill

Action

Vote

Attachments

(Summaries,
Amendments, Roll Call,
Attendance)

Attendance

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Marshall Pimentel, Chairman Assistant
3/29/16

(Original attachments on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk; video archives available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)

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ROOM HHR 4

TIME 10:00 A.M.

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1. Call to Order
 2. Invited: The Honorable Michele Reagan, Secretary of State or representative; The Honorable Helen Purcell, Maricopa County Recorder or representative; and the Arizona Association of Counties
 3. Discussion on:
 - a. Selection and criteria of polling places
 - b. Polling location consolidation practices
 - c. The implications of the Permanent Early Voting List as it relates to the Presidential Preference Election (PPE)
 - d. Overview of the process of how a voter registered independent participates in a PPE
 - e. Cost of the PPE
 4. Public Testimony

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Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

House Elections (3/28/2016)

1, Call to Order

Neutral:

cloves campbell, representing self; Rebekah Friend, Arizona AFL-CIO

Oppose:

Michael Martinez, representing self

All Comments:

Rebekah Friend, Arizona AFL-CIO: Need to address issues for working people in Arizona with last election.

2, Invited: The Honorable Michele Reagan, Secretary of State or representative; The Honorable Helen Purcell, Maricopa County Recorder or representative and the Association of Counties

Testified as neutral:

Reginald Walton, representing self; Rev. Jarrett Maupin, representing self

Neutral:

Sam Wercinski, representing self; Edmund Higgins, representing self; Alexandria Kassman, representing self; Roger Champigny, representing self

Oppose:

Michael Martinez, representing self

All Comments:

Reginald Walton, Self: The events of last week regarding unacceptable.; Sam Wercinski, Self: The AZ Legislature should pass a bill with retroactive and emergency clauses to allow the legal counting of all provisional ballots cast by "Party Not Designated" voters and those who were erroneously reclassified by MVD when updating their DLs.; Alexandria Kassman, Self: Participation in Tuesday's election was only available for the privileged who could wait in line 5 hours. Helen Purcell and Michele Reagan must be held accountable for interfering and suppressing the cornerstone of democracy.; Roger Champigny, Self: recall Governor Duecy and fire Helen Purcell; Rev. Jarrett Maupin, Self: I wish to share my views on the problems with the most recent Presidential Preference Election and where we go from here.

3, Discussion on

Support:

Ryan Gero, representing self; Sam Wercinski, representing self

Oppose:

Michael Martinez, representing self

All Comments:

Ryan Gero, Self: I am calling for a citizen led committee to organize the election process.; Sam Wercinski, Self: The AZ Legislature should pass a bill with retroactive and emergency clauses to allow the legal counting of all provisional ballots cast by "Party Not Designated" voters and those who were erroneously reclassified by MVD when updating their DLs.

4, Public Testimony

Testified in support:

Patrick Seifter, representing self; Ryan Gero, representing self; Leonard Clark Clark, representing self; Brandi Fjeld, representing self; Redeem Robinson, representing self

Testified as neutral:

Dianne Post, representing self; Samantha Pstross, AZ ADVOCACY NETWORK; Dai Dawson, representing self; Geoff Woods, representing self; Donald Crandell, representing self; Amanda Melcher, representing self; andrew cameron, representing self; Adrian Fontes, representing self; Mary Martin, representing self; Kinsey Remaklus, representing self; Shayna Stevens, representing self; Danny Robinson, representing self; Dean Palmer, representing self

Testified as opposed:

Anne Pyron, representing self; Donna Eileen Cox, representing self; Joanne Woods, representing self; Charles Carpenter, representing self; Lisette Cole, representing self; Randy Parraz, representing self

Support:

Sam Wercinski, representing self; Alfredo Trujillo, representing self; Lindsay Parkinson, representing self; Cara Nicole Trujillo, representing self

Neutral:

Robert Smith, representing self; Elna Otter, representing self; Athena Salman, representing self; Susan Bernstein, representing self; Stephen Cormany, representing self; Rivko Knox, representing self; Rochelle Richardson, representing self; Ian Allen, representing self; Jonathan Salvatierra, representing self; Kathleen Kenny, representing self; cathy mcadamsdiaz, representing self; Jesse Arthur, representing self; Michael Lovelace, representing self; Astrid Olafsen, representing self; Michelle White, representing self; Benjamin Hall, representing self; Daniel Torgersen, representing self; Chimene Hawes, representing self; Jerry Pate, representing self; Sheila Johnson, representing self; Andrew Klatt, representing self; jadis argiope, representing self; Dorian Demetrulias, representing self; Nicolet Davis, representing self; Aaron Flannery, representing self; Celeste Morin, representing self; patricia vanvaler, representing self; Kenosha Skinner, representing self; Allison Porter, representing self; Kevin

Loera, representing self; Steve Dreiseszun, representing self; spencer noble, representing self; Barbara Brown, representing self; John R Brakey, representing self; Karyn Lathan, representing self

Oppose:

Ryan Cox, representing self; Patrick Morales, representing self; Juan Casian, representing self; Diane Harris, representing self; Deanna Rasmussen-Lacotta, representing self

All Comments:

Robert Smith, Self: Personal experience and voter impact in regards to 3/22 Presidential Preference Election.; Patrick Seifter, Self: We must reform our elections.; Dianne Post, Self: I was a poll worker on an e-pollbook and have valuable, practical information.; Elna Otter, Self: We need to make sure that a debacle like that on Tuesday, 3/22/16 never reoccurs. A totally new revote would be a good idea. We can't afford this kind of thing in the general election.; Anne Pylon, Self: Will read statement on behalf of Arizona League of Women Voters; Athena Salman, Self: My dad waited 4 hours to vote after work. He has a strenuous job that requires physical labor. It is unacceptable to force people like my father to stand for hours to exercise their right as a citizen. Hold Supervisors, Recorder and SOS accountable.; Susan Bernstein, Self: I registered as a Democrat in 2014 when I changed my driver's license from NY to AZ. However, in the 2016 primary election, my party was listed as none. This situation occurred for many people. I request a do-over of this election for the state AZ.; Stephen Cormany, Self: I was registered as a Democrat, but at the polling place they said I was registered as none. They gave me a provisional ballot, but my ballot was never counted. I want the opportunity to revote in this election.; Ryan Gero, Self: Disenfranchisement laws are stopping people from voting, and I cannot let this undemocratic practice continue.; Donna Eileen Cox, Self: Details of Voting experience. Proposal for remedy.; Ryan Cox, Self: My community was deprived of an accessible and well managed voting location during the 3/22 PPE. I am calling for a revote on June 7th.; Dai Dawson, Self: I waited for 5 hours in line to vote and I saw hundreds of people leave the line, without voting. why was I skipped today? I signed in before Len Clark.; Geoff Woods, Self: We need another full day of voting and to count all provisional ballots.; Joanne Woods, Self: Why didn't the County think outside the box about early ballots, that higher early ballots could translate into higher voter participation? Why did not one person propose more funding for the polling places when only funds for 60 was available?; Donald Crandell, Self: The Presidential Preference Voting was a debacle!; Sam Wercinski, Self: The AZ Legislature should pass a bill with retroactive and emergency clauses to allow the legal counting of all provisional ballots cast by "Party Not Designated" voters and those who were erroneously reclassified by MVD when updating their DLs.; Brandi Fjeld, Self: I was able to vote with a provisional ballot and would like to know how it was counted; andrew cameron, Self: My name is Andrew Cameron, I registered to vote republican, I was denied my right to vote and this is a crime.; Diane Harris, Self: I did not receive my early ballot my husband received his. this forced me to go to the polls. I took a friend from my neighborhood who also didn't receive her early ballot. we started out around noon. we went to 5 locations. All had lines.; Lisette Cole, Self: Arizona's election was a mess, and it was a systematic attempt to suppress voters. We need change, and possibly a re-vote. Count all the ballots!; Kathleen Kenny, Self: I want the Democratic provisional ballots to be counted. I want people who didn't have a chance to vote to be allowed to vote. Otherwise, the results of the Presidential Preference Election should be discarded.; Jesse Arthur, Self: I want the provisional ballots to be counted. I have 3 children and teach them that the most beautiful thing we have is the freedom of choice.; Michael Lovelace, Self: I waited in line for 6 hours at 7th ave and Glendale and wish to speak to the experience.; Astrid Olafsen, Self: As an AZ voter of 36 years, I am appalled.; Michelle White, Self: I mailed in my ballot 2 weeks ago and as of this morning it is still showing as uncounted; Deanna Rasmussen-Lacotta, Self: Number of polling places was highly inadequate for the voting in the Primary balloting process.; Aaron Flannery, Self: This issue affected voters of multiple parties and is a result of years of voter data not being effectively updated. Please audit the voter rolls; Kenosha Skinner, Self: Helen Purcell needs to resign; Alison Porter,

Self: Not enough is being said about all the voters who did not get to vote.; Kinsey Remaklus, Self: Want to comment on widespread Election Fraud in Arizona and else where across the country; Steve Dreiseszun, Self: I waited 5 hrs to cast my vote in the AZ Presidential Preference Election. I stood the entire time from 6:15PM until I completed my ballot after 11PM. No dinner. Lost sleep. I lost much of the next day from fatigue. This was a poll tax. NO EXCUSE!; Danny Robinson, Self: I didn't get to vote, and my daughter in Tucson didn't get to vote. This is unacceptable. We need a re-vote on June 7th 2016 so all the votes can be counted.; Dean Palmer, Self: REVOTE. PERIOD.; Barbara Brown, Self: I waited 4 hours to vote at 7th Ave and Glendale but had to leave because of disability at 10pm and lost my vote. I am 70 years and there was no provision for handicapped parking or other accommodation for disability.; Karyn Lathan, Self: This Legislature has done everything in their power to limit voter participation. It is time for open voter participation and transparency in our elections. When America is supposed to be the leader of Democracy...Arizona is an embarrassment.; Alfredo Trujillo, Self: A count of provisional ballots is needed and finding a way to account for people who were not able to vote due to this illegal voter suppression.; Lindsay Parkinson, Self: I want to verify my provisional vote is counted. I registered twice as a democrat since moving to AZ (thru USPS/move.org) I received a local ballot in mail Nov. 8th in Scottsdale, on 3/20/16 I was not in MVD system. Voted provisional, will it count?; Cara Nicole Trujillo, Self: Provisional ballots are supposed to be verified and counted not thrown away. Count them please. registered voters being turned away with claims that they were not registered properly is terrible. Show that you care and fix this.

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Committee on Elections Bill Number _____
Date 03 29 16 ☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Neutral
Name Dr. Cordelia Candelaria Bevilacqua Need to Speak? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Representing Self (ASU Regents' Professor) Are you a registered lobbyist? NO
Complete Address 7778 South Grandview Av Tempe, AZ
E-mail Address _____ Phone Number _____
Comments: I was denied right to vote again on Tuesday.

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Committee on ELECTIONS Bill Number _____
Date 3/28/16 ☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☒ Neutral
Name VERA ANDERSON Need to Speak? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Representing SELF Are you a registered lobbyist? _____
Complete Address 2039W Union Hills Dr. 113
E-mail Address veraanderson4legmed.com Phone Number 602 821 4675
Comments: Tues. election.

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Committee on Elections Bill Number N/A
Date 3/28/16 ☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Neutral
Name Steve Gallardo Need to Speak? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Representing Maricopa County Are you a registered lobbyist? No
Complete Address _____
E-mail Address _____ Phone Number _____
Comments: _____

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Committee on ELECTIONS Bill Number _____
Date 3/28/16 ☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Neutral
Name RANDALL HOLMES Need to Speak? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Representing SELF Are you a registered lobbyist? NO
Complete Address 6207 N. 21ST DR. PHOENIX 85015-1902
E-mail Address randall.holmes7@gmail.com Phone Number 480-452-8249
Comments: FIVE HOURS TO VOTE 3/22, DEMOCRACY TOO EXPENSIVE

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Committee on House Election Committee Bill Number _____
 Date 3-28-16 ☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Neutral
 Name Dianne Woods Need to Speak? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Representing self Are you a registered lobbyist? Not a paid lobbyist
 Complete Address 241 N. Nash Way, Chandler, Az 85225
 E-mail Address _____ Phone Number (480) 962-4422
 Comments: I was a poll worker in West Chandler, I have been a poll work off & on in the last 40 years,
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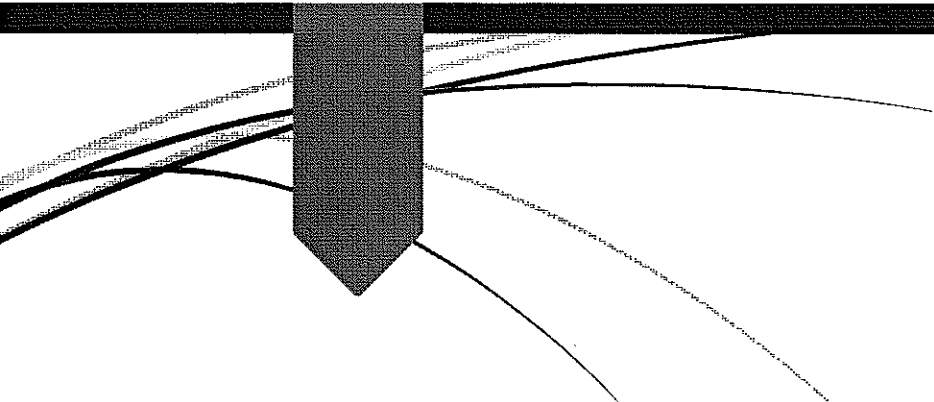
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Committee on elections Bill Number _____
 Date March 28, 2016 ☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Neutral
 Name BARBARA BROWN Need to Speak? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Representing self Are you a registered lobbyist? N
 Complete Address 1215 E. RUTH AVE
 E-mail Address phnxbrown@gmail.com Phone Number 602-570-0127
 Comments: had to leave after 4 hours in line at 10 AM, not ADA compliant and
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2016 Presidential Preference Election

Presented by:

Helen Purcell, Maricopa County Recorder

Jennifer Marson, Executive Director - Arizona Association of Counties

Maricopa Statistics - **UNOFFICIAL**

➤ # Eligible Voters	➤ 1,238,792	
➤ # PEVL / Early Voters	➤ 897,247 (72% of eligible voters)	
➤ # Early Ballots Returned	➤ 533,760	
➤ # Vote at the Polls	➤ 83,489	
➤ # Provisional Ballots Total	➤ Approx: 24,000	
➤ # Provisional Due to IND	➤ Approx: 18,000	
➤ # Early Voters at Polls	➤ Approx: 11,500	
➤ # Early Voter Provisionals	➤ 147	
➤ % Total Turnout	➤ As of 3/26/16	49%
➤ % Turnout (Early/Mail ballots)	➤ As of 3/26/16	42.9%
➤ % Turnout (Polls)	➤ As of 3/26/16	6.7%



Using Voter Centers

- **How Maricopa did the math – started process last spring**
 - Total Registered Voters: **1.9 million**
 - Total Independent / Non Party: **750,000**
 - Total Qualified to participate: **1.2 million** **1,238,792**
 - Total Qualified Voters to receive Early Ballot: **890,000** **897,247**
 - Total possible voters at the polls: **310,000** **341,545**
 - Estimated at the polls Turnout: 23% (based on historic turnout in 2008)
 - **71,300** voters (23% of 310,000) **83,489 (24% of 341,545)**
 - **1,188** per poll location ($71,300 \div 60$)
 - **Round up to 1,500** **1,391 (83,489 \div 60)**
 - 2008 = 5 - 7 workers per site (2 check in lines – paper rosters)
 - 2016 = **13 - 15 workers per site (4-5 check in lines – ePollbook)**



Choosing a Vote Center Location

- ▶ 60 Vote Centers
- ▶ Vote ANYWHERE
- ▶ Select Largest Facilities
 - ▶ Less options were available
- ▶ Large Room
- ▶ ADA Compliant
- ▶ Substantial Parking

Maricopa County, Arizona

March 2016 Presidential Preference Election Polling Places (as of Feb 29th, 2016)

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PEVL Implications

- ▶ ePollbooks allowed for PEVL voters to vote a STANDARD ballot
 - ▶ If the mail ballot was not yet received by MCED, that mail ballot was VOID
 - ▶ 11,500 mail ballot voters went to the polls
 - ▶ Each were given a STANDARD ballot
 - ▶ ONLY 147 voted a PROVISIONAL ballot

Provisional Ballot Process

- 24,000 Provisional Ballots to be verified
- Average time at the polls to issue a provisional ballot
 - Minimum of 5 minutes each
 - Check in on ePollbook
 - Handwritten form & envelope

24,000 Provisionals x 5 min each =

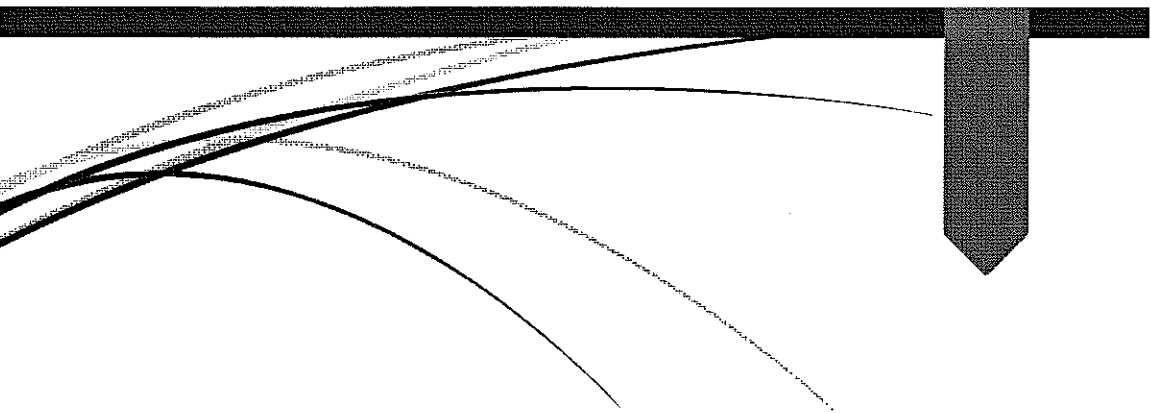
120,000 minutes to process provisional voters at polls

That's **2,000** hours

PPE Cost Estimates

(reflects both
Recorders &
Election Offices)

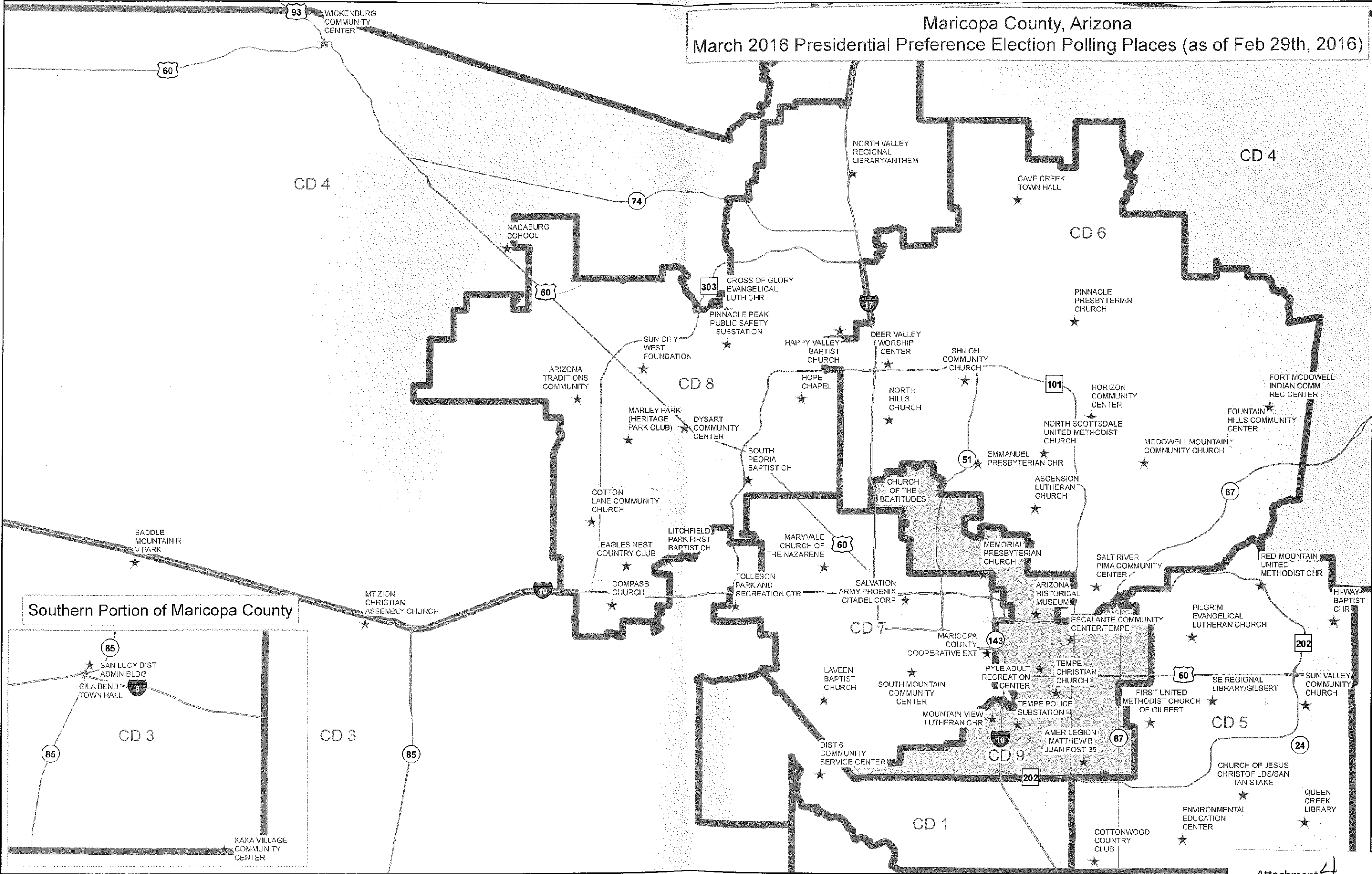
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Apache	\$ 141,287.05	\$ 59,467.50
Cochise	\$ 193,461.81	\$ 90,223.75
Cocconino	\$ 211,514.00	\$ 84,933.75
Gila	\$ 101,916.29	\$ 39,225.00
Graham	\$ 30,055.74	\$ 23,075.00
Greenlee	\$ 13,254.14	\$ 5,466.25
La Paz	\$ 45,551.32	\$ 12,196.25
Maricopa	\$ 4,599,351.38	\$ 2,472,463.75
Mohave	\$ 338,135.35	\$ 145,345.00
Navajo	\$ 155,783.97	\$ 68,297.50
Pima	\$ 1,714,249.00	\$ 536,880.00
Pinal	\$ 483,161.13	\$ 218,610.00
Santa Cruz	\$ 46,293.98	\$ 28,116.25
Yavapai	\$ 358,169.75	\$ 158,607.50
Yuma	\$ 168,857.09	\$ 98,196.25
Secretary of State	\$ 736,600.00	\$ 736,600.00
Total	\$ 9,337,642.00	\$ 4,877,923.75



Myths Related to the 2016 PPE

- ▶ Independents could vote
- ▶ Independents could change their party to R, D, or Green after 2/22/2016 and vote in PPE
- ▶ Voters could change parties after 2/22/16 and expect the new party ballot on Election Day
- ▶ Voters could vote again if their candidate was no longer in the race
- ▶ ePollbooks had connectivity issues
- ▶ Vote centers ran out of ballots
- ▶ Voters were not allowed to vote if they were not inside the building at 7:00 pm
- ▶ After early results were released, no more ballots are counted
- ▶ Provisional ballots are not counted
- ▶ DOJ procedures no longer apply with removal of preclearance
- ▶ Primary and General elections will be “vote centers”
- ▶ Vote center decisions were racially motivated to hinder Democrat voters

March 2016 Presidential Preference Election Polling Places (as of Feb 29th, 2016)



ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

CHAIRMAN: Michelle B. Ugenti-Rita VICE-CHAIRMAN: Javan D. Mesnard

DATE	3/28/16	/16	/16	/16	/16
CONVENED	10:12am	m	m	m	m
RECESSED					
RECONVENED					
ADJOURNED	1:38pm				
MEMBERS					
Mrs. Carter	✓				
Mr. Clark	✓				
Mr. Larkin	✓				
Mr. Weninger	✓				
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman	✓				

✓ Present --- Absent exc Excused